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## Furgore of conversation.

25X1A5a1 attendance at the Conference on Asian Studies at the Sharmton-Park Notel was utilized by syself and was of this breach as 25X1A9a an opportunity to determine his suitability and availability for performing a personal service contract related to our resourch responsibilities. Source was contioned that the talks were purely employetory and that specific terms of reference could not be discussed natil the project had been approved by biguer authority.

# Description of proposed project.

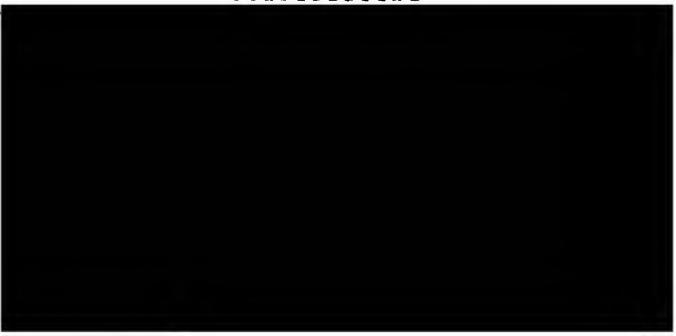
A brief textentive outline of the proposed research togic is minimized. Such a project would repport current ORR research meds. The tarms of reference for HIE 13-59 required D/I among other things to "enalyze the technical feasibility of small-scale projects being undertaken." However. only a superficial examination of this topic could be accomplished in the time allowed. If approved, the project would require the equivalent of 1-6 months full time research, of which could devote full time during the summer 25X1A9a and part-time during the fall. A target date of November-December 1959 would be desirable to support scheduled NIE/NIS research on Communist China. Source would exploit unclassified Chinese-language materials available at | 25X1A5a1 and the Library of Congress. This project would be on an

25X1A5a1 unclassified basis except, perhaps, for necessary background statements to be

classified no higher than Confidential.

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### 4, Plans for

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As head of this institute which seeks to become more widely recognized in the field of Asian studies, making is attempting to enlist 25X1A5a1 government and private support for the following projects: (1) a study of the consistency and validity of Chinese Communist economic and sociological statistics; (2) an updating of his Survey through 1958; (3) a study of Chinese Communist peretration in southeast Asia, not only through trade deals, but also through banking arrangements and other forms of indirect influence. He would be very willing, however, to undertake other short-term research projects such as the one outlined above.

#### 5. Recommendations:

Further study is being given the advisability of having 25X1A5a1 perform the proposed research project. If it is deemed desirable to have undertake the study, a comprehensive and detailed contract proposal 25X1A5a1 will be submitted separately.

### 6. Comitments:

Mo commitments were made, other than assurances that efforts would be made to complete action on this proposal as soon as practicable.

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